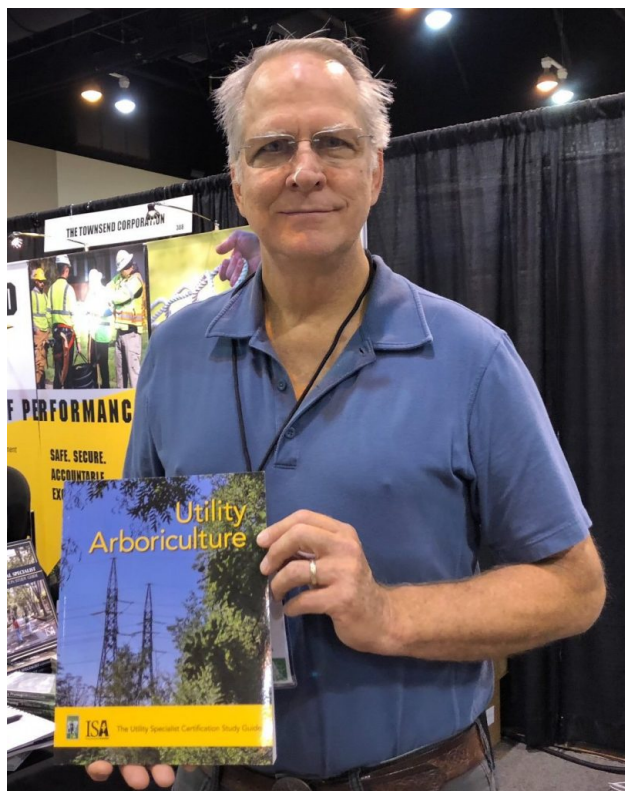


8th Annual Delaware Arborist & Tree Care Seminar on October 10 and 11 at State Fairgrounds in Harrington



Geoff Kempter of Asplundh co-authored a book on Utility Arboriculture and will speak at the 8th Delaware Arborist Seminar on Oct. 10 and 11.

HARRINGTON, Del. – The [Delaware Forest Service's Urban and Community Forestry Program](#) will hold its 8th Annual Delaware Arborist and Tree Care Seminar on Wednesday, October 10, and Thursday, October 11, 2018 at the [Delaware State Fair Exhibit Hall, 18500 S. DuPont Highway, Harrington.](#)

The event offers a wide range of topics for tree care workers

as well as anyone who wants to ensure the health of their community trees. The event brings together a diverse blend of industry insiders, policymakers, tree care experts, and academic researchers who will incorporate classroom lectures, outdoor demonstrations and vendor exhibits to provide the latest updates on tree health issues and practical hands-on training. Attendees are eligible to earn continuing credits from the [International Society of Arboriculture](#), [Maryland Licensed Tree Expert](#), and [Delaware pesticide](#) certification.



The cost is \$95 for two days with breakfast, lunch and snacks included each day. All major credit cards accepted. Attendees can sign up by clicking the "Online Registration" icon at <http://delawaretrees.com> or registering at [EventBrite link](#).

The 2018 seminar will focus on the latest issues and strategies in tree pest and disease management, soil health, chainsaw safety, proper pesticide use, utility line pruning, sustainable planting techniques, and updates on forest health threats from emerald ash borer and the newest invasive pest: spotted lanternfly. Featured speakers include Jerry Bond of Urban Forest Analytics LLC, Neil Hendrickson, Ph.D. of Bartlett Tree Research Lab, Bob Dolan of Rainbow Tree Care, Kenneth Glass of STIHL, Jake Ricker of Baker's Power and Turf, and Trent Dicks of Arborjet.



Trent Dicks of Arborjet, an expert on diagnosing and treating tree disease and pest issues, will be at the Delaware Arborist Seminar on October 10 and 11.

If you need more information or are interested in becoming a sponsor, contact [Kesha Braunskill](#) or [Michael Martini](#) with the Delaware Forest Service Urban & Community Forestry Program at 302-659-6704.

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2018 Arborist & Tree Care Program Agenda ([Link to PDF](#))

Wednesday, October 10, 2018 – Day One	
7:30 a.m.	Registration
8:00 a.m.	Welcome
8:15 a.m.	“Greening of Arboriculture – Pesticides: where we’ve been, where we are going.” Neil Hendrickson, Ph.D. – <i>Bartlett Tree Research Lab</i>
9:15 a.m.	“Proper Tool for the Job” Kenneth Glass – <i>Stihl</i>
10:45 a.m.	Break – Networking and Exhibitors
11:00 a.m.	“Getting a Little Closer to Sustainability: Right plant in the right place the right way.” Neil Hendrickson, Ph.D. – <i>Bartlett Tree Research Lab</i>
Noon	Lunch – Networking and Exhibitors
1:00 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions
	“As Above, So Below: How much of a tree expert can you be without an awareness of soil health?” Joe Murray – <i>Tree Literacy LLC</i> LOCATION: Outdoors (2 hours)
	“Pruning Around Utility Lines” Geoff Kempter – <i>Asplundh</i> LOCATION: Exhibit Hall

	<p>“Building Effective Relationships with Customers” Beth Offenbacker – <i>Tree Care Industry of America</i> LOCATION: Exhibit Hall Boardroom</p>
2:00 p.m.	<p>“Tree Diseases and Treatment” Trent Dicks – <i>ArborJet</i></p>
3:00 p.m.	<p>Break – Networking and Exhibitors</p>
3:15 p.m.	<p>“Urban and Community Forestry Update” Michael Martini – <i>Delaware Forest Service</i></p>
3:45 p.m.	<p>Closing – Attendees must complete a full day to earn continuing education credits</p>
Thursday, October 11, 2018 – Day Two	
7:30 a.m.	<p>Registration</p>
8:00 a.m.	<p>Welcome</p>
8:15 a.m.	<p>“How Can You Tell if a Tree is Sick – And What Would That Even Mean?” Jerry Bond – <i>Urban Forestry Analytics</i></p>
9:15 a.m.	<p>Concurrent Sessions</p>
	<p>“Tree Care Industry Safety” Fred Eysaltdt – <i>Delaware Department of Labor</i> LOCATION: Exhibit Hall</p>
	<p>“Delaware Emerald Ash Borer Update” Stephen Hauss – <i>Delaware Department of Agriculture</i> LOCATION: Exhibit Hall Boardroom</p>
10:15 a.m.	<p>Break – Networking and Exhibitors</p>
10:30 a.m.	<p>Concurrent Sessions</p>
	<p>“Low Cost Tree Inventories: The good, the bad, and the freakin’ ugly.” Jerry Bond – <i>Urban Forestry Analytics</i> LOCATION: Exhibit Hall</p>
	<p>“It’s Not Easy Being Green” Kenneth Darsney – <i>Nemours Estate</i> LOCATION: Exhibit Hall Boardroom</p>
11:30 a.m.	<p>Lunch – Networking and Exhibitors</p>

12:30 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions
	<p>"Chainsaw Safety"</p> <p>Jake Ricker – <i>Baker's Power and Turf</i></p> <p>LOCATION: Exhibit Hall</p>
	<p>"Roots Before Trunks and Branches"</p> <p>Herbert W. White – <i>City of Wilmington</i></p> <p>LOCATION: Exhibit Hall Boardroom</p>
1:30 p.m.	<p>"Spotted Lanternfly Management"</p> <p>Bob Dolan – <i>Rainbow Treecare</i></p>
2:30 p.m.	Closing – Attendees must complete a full day to earn continuing education credits